

IBOC-AM should not be adopted. Here's why:

1) The IBOC "Hash" daytime walks over 1st and 2nd adjacent signals. Case in point WTOP 1500 in Wheaton Md. and WARK the old WEAM 1490 in Arlington VA. My brother in Arlington VA verified that with consumer equipment in the real world that WTOP walks all over WARK in Arlington VA. He is in Arlington VA.

Second case in point. WCOS 1400 AM IBOC Columbia, SC steps on where WAGS 1380 AM Bishopville, SC Std AM used to be heard when you get to the western edge of WAGS and the Eastern edge of WCOS. They walk on me. Now it's personal.

2) The notion that one company can force you to use intellectual property and pay a royalty to sign up and then "re-up" is akin to Mafia style protection.

3) It doesn't take an engineer to realize that if you fill the AM band with all stations broadcasting sideband hash that the dial will be filled with noise and greatly reduced coverage area.

4) From an economic standpoint it is obvious that Clear Channel wants to "Embrace Technology" to politely crush all independents. I can't prove it but that's what will happen. Remember in "Independence Day" Will Smith asked the Alien what they wanted from us and it said to "Die, Just Die".

5) There is a lot of real world empirical evidence that is ignored by Ibiquity (follow the money trail), Harris and equipment Mfg (follow the money trail), and the conglomerates that have absorbed and homogenized and in my opinion destroyed broadcasting diversity and individuality (follow the power trail).

5) Do you choose to do this not because it is better but because it is hard. Mr Littlejohn (Clear Channel who has a vested interest in IBOC) and NRSC proposes reduced frequency response to make a complicated, noisy & expensive technology fit in the spectrum with no improvement in quality. This doesn't pass the "No Duh" Test.

6) All existing equipment will be rendered obsolete for no valid purpose other than squashing small town radio.